

4. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of file servers that implement load balancing to distribute traffic among the file servers.

5. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file server implements a heartbeat that determines whether the file server has failed.

6. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file system implements a file protocol selected from the group consisting of Network File System ("NFS"), Andrew File System ("AFS"), and a combination of NFS and AFS.

7. (Currently amended) A computing environment comprising:  
a plurality of file servers;  
a file system that is adapted to store client applications and data and that is adapted to be accessible to the file servers; and  
a minimally-configured-workstation adapted to couple to the file servers and to a client computer, the workstation comprises a storage medium on which control files are permanently stored, but client applications are not permanently stored; ~~CONFIGURED~~ ~~SOFT~~  
wherein the minimally-configured-workstation is adapted to receive client applications ~~ARE~~ ~~BE~~ temporarily transferred to the minimally-configured-workstation from the file system via at least one of the file servers when requested by the client computer so that the workstation is re-configured as a server, and  
wherein the client computer is adapted to utilize the at least some software temporarily transferred to the minimally-configured-workstation.

8. (Original) The computing environment of claim 7 wherein the data that is transferred to the workstation is used by a client application running on the

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